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SUNSHINE VILLAGE - BANFF NATIONAL PARK  
LONG RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM

Project Status

More than 2100 Canadians have participated with Environment Canada - Parks, in the review of proposals by Sunshine Village Corporation to modify the existing Long Range Development Guidelines. Public meetings and Open Houses held in April of this year were well attended at Sunshine Village for the Sunshine Village Ski and Summer resort, and in Banff, Edmonton and Calgary. The extent of public response to the "preliminary disclosure" of Sunshine Village plans suggests a progress report is warranted at this time.

Under the direction of the Superintendent of Banff National Park, the following steps of the planning/review process are underway:

- A public response document, summarizing all written submissions received prior to, during and following the public meetings is in the final stages of preparation by Parks' public consultation staff. Copies of that report should be in the mail to all participants later this summer;
- Terms of Reference have been prepared by Parks for the environmental assessment and related studies which will be applied to the proposals submitted by Sunshine Village. It is expected that these studies, which will address all alternatives relating to parking, access and accommodation development, will be conducted over the course of this summer by expert consultants. Studies will include the assessment of increased use of the Sunshine area in both the winter and summer use seasons;
- In co-operation with Parks, the British Columbia Provincial Parks Branch has specified requirements for hydrological studies to determine in-flow rates and related information about Rock Isle Lake and the effect of increased water consumption by Sunshine Village;

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- Other initiatives being pursued concurrently will further specify the design of new sewage treatment and transfer systems; and elaborate on policies for ski slope terrain modifications;
- Environment Canada - Parks, is assessing the recommendations made by groups and individuals with respect to the format used in public consultation processes whenever a disclosure of private operator development proposals is made.

There is still a large amount of environmental work to be completed before the Minister can make any decisions on the proposals. The results of these studies are not expected until late autumn. Subsequently, further public consultation will take place to discuss the results of the environmental assessment and the range of alternatives which Parks staff are prepared to accept. Only then will final recommendations be prepared for the Minister's consideration. Please be assured that he will keep the department's existing, approved policies and plans in mind as he reaches a decision on the amendments to the long range development guidelines requested by Sunshine Village.

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